

Week #1 Recap

Stewardship: Managing God's resources for God's glory.

1. Nothing in life has a greater potential for driving a _____ between you and God than _____.
2. Giving is a chance for your _____ to intersect with God's _____.
3. Nothing reveals my trust in God like honoring Him with my _____.

Introduction:

1. When we see as God sees, we will _____ as he _____.
2. Our attitudes concerning giving are symptoms of a _____.

Five Wrong Presuppositions about Money:

1. My money is my _____.
2. Giving at _____ is giving to church.
3. I have more to _____ than to _____.
4. God's resources are _____.
5. This world is my _____.

God's Perspective on Our Stuff

Luke 16:1-15

Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. ²So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.'

³"The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg— ⁴I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.'

⁵"So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

⁶"'Eight hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied.

"The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred.'

⁷"Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?'

"'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied.

"He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.'

⁸"The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. ⁹I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

¹⁰"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. ¹¹So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹²And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?

¹³"No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."

¹⁴The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus.

¹⁵He said to them, "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of men, but God knows your hearts. What is highly valued among men is detestable in God's sight.

Wisdom is leveraging our _____ and our _____ for God's glory.

1. All of our stuff is a _____ (vs. 8-9)

- a. God wants to transform our temporary _____ into eternal _____.
 - b. When we see our possessions as a tool for God, we will change our _____ on our _____.
2. Our stuff is a _____ (vs. 10-12)

Matthew 6:21

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

- a. God is watching how we manage _____ stuff to see how we can handle _____ stuff.
 - b. How we handle my stuff is a test of our _____ to Jesus.
 - c. The greatest _____ to giving is the illusion that the earth is our _____.
 - d. Failure is using God's resources for our _____ and not his _____.
3. Our stuff is a _____ (vs. 13-15)
- a. We don't own _____; it owns _____.
 - b. Overextending materially = _____
 - c. Giving obediently = _____

Stewardship: Week 2
How God Views Our Money